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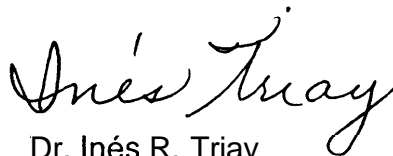
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SUBJECT: Carlsbad Field Office Annual NEPA Planning Summary for 2003

TO: Beverly A. Cook, Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health, EH-1

Attached to this memorandum is the Carlsbad Field Office's Annual NEPA Planning Summary for 2003. Submission of this summary is required by DOE Order 451.1 B

If you have any questions regarding the CBFO NEPA planning summary, please contact Mr. Harold Johnson at (505) 234-7349.



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Carlsbad Field Office(CBFO)
Annual National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Planning Summary

Status of Ongoing NEPA Compliance Activities

The Carlsbad Field Office manages and oversees the operations of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). The impacts of developing, constructing and operating the WIPP facility were analyzed in the *WIPP Final Environmental Impact Statement (DOE/EIS-0026)*, the *WIPP Supplement Environmental Impact Statement (DOE/EIS-0026-FS)*, and the *WIPP Disposal Phase Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DOE/EIS-0026-S-2)*.

WIPP has a program in place to evaluate potential environment impacts associated with proposed actions to ensure compliance with NEPA. Proposed actions that modify the WIPP facility are evaluated in accordance with the **WIPP NEPA Compliance Plan (WP 02-EC.08)**, and the **WIPP NEPA Compliance/Environmental Screening Procedure (WP 02-EC3801)**, to assure the environmental impacts are evaluated as a part of the decision making process.

Environmental Assessments Expected to be Prepared in the Next Twelve Months

No new environmental assessments are anticipated for the upcoming 24-month period.

Environmental Impact Statements Expected to be Prepared in the Next 24 Months

WIPP is preparing a supplement analysis to evaluate whether implementing the revised project management plan (which would involve moving transuranic waste to regional hub sites for characterization prior to movement to WIPP for disposal) would be a substantial change to the original proposal or present significant new circumstances that would warrant preparation of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. This supplement analysis will also serve the purpose of determining whether a new site-wide environmental impact statement would facilitate further NEPA compliance efforts.

Planned Cost and Schedule for Completion of each NEPA Review Identified

The cost of the supplement analysis above is projected to be approximately \$120,000. The supplement analysis should be completed by June 2003.